

The bird is strikingly beautiful and its flesh, in the opinion of an epicure, was as fine as any duck he had ever eaten.—WITMER STONE, *Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, Pa.*

A Correction.—In 'The Auk' for 1902, p. 76, I noted a European Widgeon (*Mareca penelope*) taken in North Carolina as probably the first to be recorded from the State. I find a record, however, which I previously overlooked, in the Bulletin of the Nuttall Club for 1879, p. 190, where the capture of two males is recorded, one on Dec. 17, 1878, and one on Jan. 17, 1879, by De L. Berier.—REGINALD HEBER HOWE, JR., *Concord, Mass.*

Wood Ibis in Montana.—It will be of interest to the readers of 'The Auk' to know that a specimen of the Wood Ibis, *Tantalus loculator* Linn., was taken in Montana early in October, 1902. The specimen was sent me from Madison Valley, Madison County, where it was shot by Mr. Bert Maynard, Ennis, Mont. While Mr. Maynard and two other men were in the barnyard feeding the pigs, the bird came and lit on the ground among the pigs and sheep and began feeding on the grain. It was reported to be either "very tame or very tired" and did not take flight even when closely approached.

The bird is young and undersized and was identified for me by Edgar A. Mearns, Major and Surgeon, U. S. A. The head and neck are not bald as in the adult, but are clothed with the plumage of the young.

The specimen is deposited in the collections of the Montana Agricultural College.—R. A. COOLEY, *Montana Agric. College, Bozeman, Mont.*

Woodcock Notes.—I have recently received several interesting dates regarding the occurrence of the American Woodcock (*Philohela minor*) in Massachusetts. Mr. Edward A. Brigham of Grafton, Mass., informs me that he shot a bird several years ago on Christmas Day which was in excellent condition. Also, that on March 7, 1901, he saw a bird of this species—the earliest spring date in his experience. On March 17, 1903, he put up a fine large bird at the same place. Deputy Thomas L. Burney of Lynn, Mass., informs me that he has a specimen of a Woodcock, which was picked up on Estey St., Lynn, Mass., by Mr. Geo. Woodman on Dec. 11, 1902, while still alive, but in an emaciated condition.—GEORGE H. MACKAY, *Boston, Mass.*

A Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*) Taken in the Mid-Pacific.—I was a passenger on the schooner 'Julia E. Whalen' returning from Marcus Island when, on August 28, 1902, in Long. 174° W., Lat. 33° N., a Turnstone came alongside and after a few moments dropped down on the deck. I saw the bird when it was quite a distance off, coming from a northerly direction and flying directly for the vessel. On its nearer approach it was not difficult to determine the species, as it made two or